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SUBJECT: FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF MRGD: REQUEST FOR
PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

1. MRGD HAS JUST ANNOUNCED PLANS FOR MAJOR CELEBRATION ON
OCTOBER 26 MARKING "THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAHOMEAN REVOLUTION".

FOCAL POINT OF THESE CELEBRATIONS WILL BE IN NATITINGOU, CAPITAL OF

ATACORA AMENDMENT AND PRESIDENT KEREKOU'S HOME TOWN. ALL
RESIDENT CHIEFS OF MISSION AND THEIR WIVES HAVE BEEN INVITED TO
NATITINGOU TO PARTICIPATE IN FESTIVITIES ON OCTOBER 25-26. THIS
OCCASION WILL BE IN MARKED CONTRAST TO INDEPENDENCE DAY LAST AUGUST
FIRST WHEN THERE WAS A MINIMUM OF OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AND NO
CLEEBRATIONS.

2. FRENCH AND GERMAN ABMASSADORS AND GHANAIAI CHARGE HAVE
RECOMMENDED PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE MRGD
ATTACHES TO THIS ANNIVERSARY, AND FACT THAT UNDER PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL

IT WAS CUSTOMARY TO SEND TWO MESSAGES PER YEAR - ONE ON AUGUST FIRST;
OTHERON MAY 7, INAUGURATION DATE OF PRESIDENT.

3. RECOMMEND BRIEF PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE NOTING TRADITIONAL FREIND-
SHIPS BETWEEN TWO PEOPLES AND EFFORTS OF MRGD DURING ITS FIRST YEAR
TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF DAHOMEY. AS I WILL BE LEAVING
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WITH MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT BY AIR FOR NATITINGOU ON MORNING OF

OCTOBER 25, WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FRENCH TEXT FOR DELIVERY ON
OCTOBER 24.

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